

SOUTH CAROLINA

OVERALL SCORE 468 BETTER	OVERALL RANK 38
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ECONOMIC WELL-BEING	SCORE	RANK
	509 BETTER	37

	UNITED STATES			SOUTH CAROLINA		
Children in poverty US 11,117,000 SC 208,000	17% 2019	15% 2024	↓ BETTER	20% 2019	18% 2024	↓ BETTER
Children whose parents lack secure employment US 18,420,000 SC 318,000	26% 2019	25% 2024	↓ BETTER	28% 2019	28% 2024	STABLE
Children living in households with a high housing cost burden US 22,385,000 SC 310,000	30% 2019	31% 2024	↑ WORSE	26% 2019	27% 2024	↑ WORSE
Teens not in school and not working US 1,218,000 SC 22,000	6% 2019	7% 2024	↑ WORSE	8% 2019	7% 2024	↓ BETTER

EDUCATION	SCORE	RANK
	375 STABLE	30

	UNITED STATES			SOUTH CAROLINA		
Young children (ages 3 and 4) not in school US 4,277,000 SC 66,000	52% 2015-19	54% 2020-24	↑ WORSE	54% 2015-19	56% 2020-24	↑ WORSE
Fourth graders not proficient in reading US N.A. SC N.A.	66% 2019	70% 2024	↑ WORSE	68% 2019	68% 2024	STABLE
Eighth graders not proficient in math US N.A. SC N.A.	67% 2019	73% 2024	↑ WORSE	71% 2019	76% 2024	↑ WORSE
High school students not graduating on time US N.A. SC N.A.	14% 2018-19	13% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	19% 2018-19	15% 2023-24	↓ BETTER

N.A.: Not available

Note: Rankings show how states compare. Scores range from 0 (worst) to 1,000 (best) and reflect child well-being relative to a 2019 baseline; changes over time indicate progress or decline. Scores are not percentages or a finish line; higher scores indicate better outcomes.

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HEALTH	UNITED STATES			SOUTH CAROLINA		SCORE	RANK
						442	44
						STABLE	
Low birth-weight babies us 308,966 sc 5,716	8.3% 2019	8.5% 2024	↑ WORSE	9.8% 2019	9.7% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children without health insurance us 4,648,000 sc 72,000	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	6% 2019	6% 2024	STABLE	
Child and teen deaths per 100,000 us 21,189 sc 452	25 2019	27 2024	↑ WORSE	33 2019	36 2024	↑ WORSE	
Children and teens (ages 10 to 17) who are overweight or obese us N.A. sc N.A.	31% 2018-19	30% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	37% 2018-19	34% 2023-24	↓ BETTER	

FAMILY AND COMMUNITY	UNITED STATES			SOUTH CAROLINA		SCORE	RANK
						548	38
						BETTER	
Children in single-parent families us 23,472,000 sc 400,000	34% 2019	34% 2024	STABLE	39% 2019	37% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children in families where the household head lacks a high school diploma us 7,868,000 sc 107,000	12% 2019	11% 2024	↓ BETTER	11% 2019	9% 2024	↓ BETTER	
Children living in high-poverty areas us 5,419,000 sc 90,000	9% 2015-19	7% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	9% 2015-19	8% 2020-24	↓ BETTER	
Teen births per 1,000 us 137,273 sc 3,072	17 2019	13 2024	↓ BETTER	22 2019	17 2024	↓ BETTER	

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